

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Handlooms and Textiles Department – Rules of the Co-operative Handloom Weavers Thrift Fund Scheme under State Plan with 8% Matching Share of State Government--Approved --Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (TEX) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 37

Dated 29 -04-2011.

Read the following:-

1. From the Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.879/2008/K1, dated 18.07.2008 and 13-10-2008.
2. Government Memo No.6692/Tex.2/2008, Industries and Commerce (Tex) Department, dated 13-05-2009 and 13-08-2010.
3. From the Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.879/2008/K1, dated 13.07.2010 and 23-08-2010.

ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has stated that the Centrally Sponsored Thrift Fund-Cum- Savings Security Scheme is being implemented in the State, as a Welfare Scheme since 1984-85. The objective of the scheme is to inculcate thrift habit among the weavers.

Eligibility:- Under this Scheme, the weaver members of Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies have to contribute 8% of the total wages earned by them into the Thrift Fund account. Similarly, the State and Central Government contribute to the Fund Account @ 4% each. The total amount is deposited in the form of Fixed Deposits, National Savings Certificates, in favour of the weaver members for a specified period of minimum 5 to 6 years.

Fund pattern:-

Weavers' contribution	..	8%
State Government share	..	4%
Central Government share	..	4%

This scheme has been discontinued with effect from 01-04-2007. But there is an imperative need to continue the Thrift Fund Scheme for the benefit of Weavers in the Handloom Sector under State Plan and to release Matching 8% State Government share to the Thrift Fund Account on par with 8% of wages collected from the Handloom Weavers and deposit into the Fund Account, with effect from the date of approval of the Scheme. The Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad proposed that scheme can be called Cooperative Handloom Weavers' Thrift Fund Scheme.

2. The Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad further stated that the weavers with their meagre income are unable to save to meet their future needs like children's education, marriage of their sons / daughters, construction of Worksheds / Houses and their needs during critical illnesses etc. The Thrift Fund Scheme motivates the weavers to save 8% of their wages in view of the State Government's contribution of 8% to their account such savings act as a security to the weavers in times of need without going to money lenders and Micro Finance Institutions directly. It benefits the weavers directly and also motivates them to work as cooperatives. If the proposed new scheme is implemented, a healthy cooperative system can be developed and it leads to socio-economic well being of

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the Handloom weavers as not only inculcates savings habit but also motivates them not to fall prey to money lenders/Micro – finance institutions and not to get trapped in the web of indebtedness, which is driving some of them to commit suicides. There is no matching scheme under implementation in the department and no duplication of any other scheme.

3. The Director of Handlooms and Textiles and Development Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, while sending new draft rules of the Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Thrift Fund Scheme, has requested the Government to consider to approve the Scheme under State Plan and release matching 8% State Government share to the Thrift Fund Account on par with 8% of wages collected from the Handloom Weavers and deposited into the Fund account with effect from the date of approval of the scheme, as it is a good savings scheme for the weaving community working in the Cooperative sector, which directly benefits them. It is proposed to cover about 50,000 Handloom Weavers, year-wise, with the financial commitment of Rs.300.00 lakhs per annum.

4. Government have decided to encourage weavers to form themselves into Self Help Groups to avail various benefits meant for them and to help them to avoid falling prey to money lenders / Micro-finance institutions and not to get trapped in the web of indebtedness.

5. In the meeting held on 27-12-2010, by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the Weavers' problems, among other things, it has been agreed to implement Thrift Fund-cum-Savings and Security Scheme with effect from 01-01-2011 to cover 25,000 Weavers initially with financial commitment of Rs.2.00 crores per annum.

6. After careful examination, the Government have decided to implement the new scheme called "Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Thrift Fund Scheme" and to approve the rules of the Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Thrift Fund Scheme under State Plan, with 8% Matching Share of the State Government and implement it with effect from 01-01-2011. Accordingly, Government hereby approve the rules of the Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Thrift Fund Scheme under State Plan, with 8% Matching Share of the State Government, as appended to this order. The Scheme shall be implemented with effect from 01-01-2011.

7. The Commissioner, Handlooms and Textiles and Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Exp. I&C) Department, vide their U.O.No. 642/04/Exp.I&C/2011, dated 21-02-2011.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RANJEEV R.ACHARYA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Commissioner of Handlooms and Textiles and
Commissioner for Apparel Export Parks, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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The Finance (Exp.I&C) Department
The P.S. to Secretary to Legal Affair, Law Department.
The P.S. to Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
The P.S to M(Fin)
The P.A. to M (H&T,SM, SSI, K&VIB, PE)
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